

years respectively from the date of approval hereof, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of the bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty-five years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of tolls shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

If tolls charged, rates applied to maintenance, and sinking fund.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., subsequently.

Record of cost, expenditures, and receipts.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 4, 1926.

CHAP. 476.—An Act To amend the Act of February 28, 1925, fixing the compensation of fourth-class postmasters.

June 4, 1926.

[H. R. 11084.]

[Public, No. 337.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of February 28, 1925 (Forty-third Statutes, page 1054), fixing the compensation of fourth-class postmasters, is amended to read as follows:

Postal service. Reclassification of salaries.

"The compensation of postmasters of the fourth class shall be fixed upon the basis of the whole of the box rents collected at their offices and commissions upon the amount of canceled postage-due stamps and on postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards, stamps on registry matter, including stamps to cover return receipts, insured and collect-on-delivery matter, canceled, on matter actually mailed at their offices, except the stamps affixed to pay the fees for special delivery service and special handling service, and on that part of the value of the stamps on the mail for transportation by air mail, canceled at their offices, equal to the postage which would be required on such mail at the regular domestic rates, and on the amount of newspaper and periodical postage collected in money, and on the postage collected in money on identical pieces of third and fourth class matter mailed under the provisions of the Act of April 28, 1904, without postage stamps affixed, and on postage collected in money on matter of the first class mailed under provisions of the Act of April 24, 1920, without postage stamps affixed, and on amounts received from waste paper, dead newspapers, printed matter, and twine sold, at the following rates, namely:

Fourth class postmasters.

Compensation fixed on specified receipts, etc.

Vol. 43, p. 1054 amended.

Additional sources.

Postage due, etc.

Vol. 33, p. 440.

Vol. 41, p. 583.

Allowance based on quarterly returns.

"On the first \$75 or less per quarter the postmaster shall be allowed 160 per centum on the amount; on the next \$100 or less per quarter, 85 per centum; and on all the balance, 75 per centum, the same to be ascertained and allowed by the General Accounting Office in the settlement of the accounts of such postmasters upon their sworn quarterly returns: *Provided*, That in adjusting the quarterly compensation of postmasters of the fourth class the General Accounting Office shall allow such compensation as may be shown by the quarterly returns to be due, not exceeding \$275 for the

Proviso. Adjustment by General Accounting Office on proportional amounts.

Allowance to outgoing postmaster in case of change in incumbent.

Advanced to proper class when returns exceed \$1,500 a year.

Advanced to proper class if receipts increase under unusual conditions.

Vol. 41, p. 578.

Reduction when receipts decrease.

quarter ending September 30, not exceeding \$550 for the two quarters ending December 31, not exceeding \$825 for the three quarters ending March 31, and not exceeding \$1,100 for the whole fiscal year, exclusive of 3 cents commission on each money-order issued: *Provided further*, That whenever during the fiscal year there occurs or is created a change in the postmastership of an office of the fourth class, by death or otherwise, the outgoing postmaster shall receive in the final settlement of his account all his earned compensation for that part of the fiscal year which he has served, but in no case shall such compensation amount to more than such a sum as is determined by taking such a fractional part of \$1,100 as the time he has served in that fiscal year is to the whole fiscal year: *Provided further*, That when the total compensation of any postmaster at a post office of the fourth class for the calendar year shall amount to \$1,100, exclusive of 3 cents commission on each money-order issued, and the receipts of such post office for the same period shall aggregate as much as \$1,500, the office shall be assigned to its proper class on July 1 following and the salary of the postmaster fixed according to the receipts: *And provided further*, That whenever unusual conditions prevail, the Postmaster General, in his discretion, may advance any post office from the fourth class to the appropriate class indicated by the receipts of the preceding quarter, notwithstanding the proviso which requires the compensation of fourth-class postmasters to reach \$1,100 for the calendar year, exclusive of commission on each money-order issued, and that the receipts of such post office for the same period shall aggregate as much as \$1,500 before such advancement is made: *And provided further*, That when the Postmaster General has exercised the authority herein granted he shall, whenever the receipts are no longer sufficient to justify retaining such post office in the class to which it has been advanced, reduce the grade of such office to the appropriate class indicated by its receipts for the last preceding quarter."

Approved, June 4, 1926.

June 7, 1926.
[S. 3931.]

[Public, No. 338.]

CHAP. 479.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Board of County Commissioners of Trumbull County, Ohio, to construct an overhead viaduct across the Mahoning River at Girard, Trumbull County, Ohio.

Mahoning River.
Trumbull County,
may construct an overhead viaduct across, at
Girard, Ohio.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Rates of tolls to provide sinking fund, etc.

Operation as free bridge, etc., after payment of construction costs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress be, and it is hereby, granted to the Board of County Commissioners of Trumbull County, Ohio, and its successors in office, to construct, maintain, and operate an overhead viaduct, together with the necessary approaches thereto, across the Mahoning River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at Girard, Trumbull County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of the bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed 25 years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and